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SUBJECT: AMERICANS IN UGANDA - MESSAGE TO OAU CHAIRMAN
RAMGOOLAM

REF: STATE 042852

1. DELIVERED PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM AT 1130 HOURS LOCAL FEBRUARY 26.
2. AFTER READING IT RAMGOOLAM COMMENTED THAT AMIN IS QUITE "MAD." HE SAID HE HAD HEARD ABOUT LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN UGANDA ON BBC NEWS THIS MORNING. HE DID NOT BELIEVE ANY AMERICANS WOULD BE HARMED, AND HE THOUGHT THE MATTER WOULD BE RESOLVED SATISFACTORILY.
3. I THEN SAID IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF HE COULD SEND A MESSAGE IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF OAU. RAMGOOLAM REMARKED THAT HE DOES NOT "CUT ANY ICE" WITH AMIN BECAUSE HE WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN LEADER TO CRITICIZE HIM, IN A SPEECH DELIVERED AT THE UNITED NATIONS, IN WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AMIN'S EXPULSION OF THE ASIANS FROM UGANDA AS WORSE THAN THE WAY SOUTH AFRICA HAS TREATED ITS ASIANS. SINCE THAT TIME, RAMGOOLAM SAID, HE HAS LOST ANY INFLUENCE HE MIGHT HAVE HAD WITH AMIN, AND HE RECALLED AMIN'S CAMPAIGN A YEAR AGO TO PREVENT HIS BECOMING
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CHAIRMAN OF THE OAU.

4. I SAID HIS INTERVENTION COULD HELP, BECAUSE OF THE SYMBOLIC WEIGHT OF HIS POSITION AS OAU CHAIRMAN DESPITE WHAT AMIN MIGHT THINK OF HIM PERSONALLY. RAM SAID HE THOUGHT THERE WERE THREE PEOPLE WHO COULD INFLUENCE AMIN: QADHAFI, MOBUTU AND THE NIGERIANS. HE NOTED THAT THE NIGERIANS ARE ALREADE ENGAGED,

THROUGH THEIR INTEREST IN THE PROBLEMS OF THE EAST AFRICAN
COMMUNITY.

5. COMMENT: RAMGOOLAM DID NOT COMMIT HIMSELF, BUT I BELIEVE
HE WILL DO SOMETHING, PROBABLY AFTER CONSULTING FOREIGN
MINISTER WALTER, WHO IS ATTENDING LOME CONFERENCE.
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